(c) The quantum and value of iron ore exports since 1988-89 has been as under:—

	(In Lakh tonnes)	(Rs. in crores)
Year	Quantity	Value
1988-89	332·67	665·38
1989-90	337·70	891·12
1990-91 (April– November)	174·63	569.52

(d) As per projections of the Working Group on Iron & Steel Industry for the 8th Plan, the production of crude steel is expected to increase from about 14 0 MT in 1989-90 to about 25 MT by 1994-95.

(e) Yes, Sir. The present projections are that about 2 MT of steel will be capable of being exported by 1994-95, and 4 MT by the year 2000 A D.

Privatisation of container depots and container freight stations

*119 SHRI SUNIL BASU RAY:
SHRI P. K KUNJACHEN·

Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to privatise container depots and container freight stations in the near future;

(b) if so, whether departments concerned with economic activities have agreed to the said decision; and

(c) whether there is any viable alternative to handing over to the private sector?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (DR. SUBRAMANIAN SWAMY). (a) to (c) With a view to expediting the development of containerisation and to facilitate growth of multimodal transport services, on cost effective basis, participation of private sector in Inland Container Depots (ICDs) and Container Freight Stations (CFSs) has been examined from time to time. While complete agreement has not been reached on various aspects relating to ownership and management of ICDs and CFSs by private sector, however, for the present, a consensus has evolved on certain specific activities such as handling and transportation of cargo being contracted to private sector agency on commercial basis in operation of ICDs and CFSs.

Quota of pig iron for small scale Industries in Gujarat

*120. SHRI VITHALBHAI M. PATEL: Will the Minister of STEEL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gujarat Government has requested the Central Government to increase the quota of pig iron for small scale industries;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the allocation of pig iron to Gujarat has been considerably reduced;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor;

(d) whether it is also a fact that the Steel Authority of India Limited has failed to supply the allocated quota of pig iron in the current year; and

(e) if so, what steps Government propose to take to meet the demand of Gujarat State?

THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI ASHOKE KUMAR SEN) (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No, Sir. The allocation of pig iron to Gujarat Small Industries Corporation for 1990-91 has been enhanced by the Development Commissioner for Iron and Steel, Calcutta.

(c) Does not arise

(d) No, Sir The entire quantity initially allocated for the period April-November, 1990, has been supplied by SAIL.

(e) Des not arise.

Improving the quality of apparels to be exported

836 SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have formulated any comprehensive plan for improving the quality of apparels to be exported to Europe by 1992, and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES AND FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI HUKUMDEO NARAYAN YADAV): (a) and (b) Government have taken several steps for improving the quality of apparel exported from the country, to all destination including Europe. Such steps, among other things, include training, liberalised import of trimming and embellishments etc

Amount of remittances received from Gulf countries

837. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) what is the amount of remittances received from the gulf countries, country-wise and year-wise, during the last three years;

(b) what is the amount of remittances withheld due to Gulf crisis in the gulf countries, country-wise; and

(c) what steps Government have taken to get back, the remaining amount and the progress so far achieved as a result of these steps?

THE DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE AND DEPUTY MINISTER IN THE MINISTRY OF EXTERNAL AFFAIRS (SHRI DIGVIJAY SINGH) (a) No information about the remittance received exclusively from Indians residing in foreign countries is available, since details of remittances of Rs 10,000/- and below are not required to be reported to the Reserve Bank of India by Authorised Dealers under the current rules However, private transfer receipts which, inter-alia, include remittances received from non-residents of Indian nationality as recorded in the balance of payments statistics during the three years ending 1987-88 (latest available) are as under

Year	Rupees in crores
1985-86	2716
1986-87	2991
1987-88	3533

(b) and (c) We have no information if any remittance from the Gulf countries has been withheld

Import of almonds

838. SHRI R T GOPALAN. Will the Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state

(a) whether Government propose to give licences to import almonds on the basis of export of pepper and cardamom; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard?